

October 2009

After Fran opened our meeting and welcomed everyone back. Our icebreaker for the evening was called "What Color Are You?" It was a fun personality test and got us all moving. Thanks, Nancy and Judy.

We discussed the upcoming Fall Workshop. Volunteers were needed to help with registration. The sessions sound like fun so hopefully you have already signed up to join us this weekend. Jackie, Lynne, Esther, Fran, Amy, and Judi have really put lots of work into organizing the decorations and door prizes. Helen and Esther are presenting a session about Flat Stanley traveling around Michigan.

Executive Board minutes and Treasurer's Report were approved. Cindy reminds everyone that if you haven't sent her your dues to please do this quickly. It's still only \$75.00 and are due by October 31.

We were saddened to hear of 3 resignations (Bonnie Franka, Marianne Reinhard, and Joan Murray-Custer) due to personal reasons. All of these members will be missed and would be welcomed back should they decide to rejoin us.

Lisa Austin was elected as Nominations Chairperson so she will be looking for "a few good women" to serve as officers for the next 2 years. We need everyone's support so please take some time to think about what you can do. We are ALL very busy so if lots of people help, the job can be much easier. Ev Shuput was reinstated into the fold.

We discussed upcoming meetings. You will need to bring a hand mirror for the November 5 meeting. (This presentation really sounds like fun.) Also, there will be some lovely jewelry to purchase (lia Sophia) and the proceeds will go to benefit our Member Supporting Member fund. We still have our Holiday Auction on December 3. Start getting your items ready and get those friends to come along with you.

Our January meeting should be very interesting because of the book study we will be having then. Please start thinking about which book you would like to read for our discussion. If you've forgotten, the choices were: ***Three Cups of Tea***, ***Zoya's Story***, and/or ***1,000 Splendid Suns***. We will be going to see "Southern Comfort" at the Tipping Point Theater in April. Please feel free to invite guests to this.

We had a wonderful and informative presentation about Autism by Nancy Wikol who told us about her experience of raising and educating her daughter who is autistic. She also introduced the director of the school that she and her husband have started for children with autism. Jessica, the director, explained how the school works. Thanks to Marie for asking them to join us for the evening.

Just a reminder... You may earn SB-CEU's for attending 4 out of 5 meetings this year. See Amy for further info. We can use some ideas for Service Projects. Any ideas are welcome!

Please take some time and try to encourage women you know would be interested in joining us. There is a very professionally done flier that you can get from Fran.

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Recording Secretary